

YardScaping hopes to inspire

Maine people to create and maintain healthy landscapes through ecologically based practices minimizing reliance on water, fertilizer, and pesticides. The Maine YardScaping Partnership was formed from the rising concern among statewide organizations and agencies over possible pollution caused by yard care chemicals washing into water bodies, as well as the risks of pesticide exposure to people, pets, and wildlife.

With your help, Portland will be host to Maine's first public YardScape! Then you will be able to see for yourself how a YardScape can put to shame an unimaginative, labor-intensive lawn, while keeping our waters cleaner.

Working with the City of Portland, the YardScaping Partnership selected 2.5 acres along the Back Cove's walking trail for the project. Once completed, the site will showcase appropriate plantings in urban to rural settings in a beautiful, homeowner-doable way, plus serve as a model for municipalities across the state.

While partially funded by a \$35,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the total cost is estimated at \$100,000, leaving \$65,000 yet to be raised to prepare the site, purchase plants, and do all the other necessary things to make this one of the state's premiere landscapes. *This project needs your help!*

Want to get involved?

Find out how at:

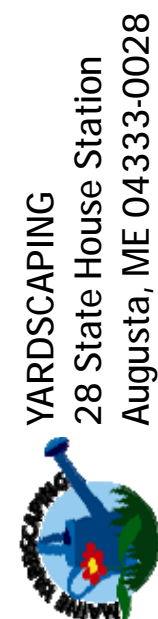
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Portland...but only
with your help!

YardScaping *...for a Healthy Maine*

A demonstration project at
Back Cove, showcasing
ecological landscaping with
low-maintenance plants

Maine's first public YardScape

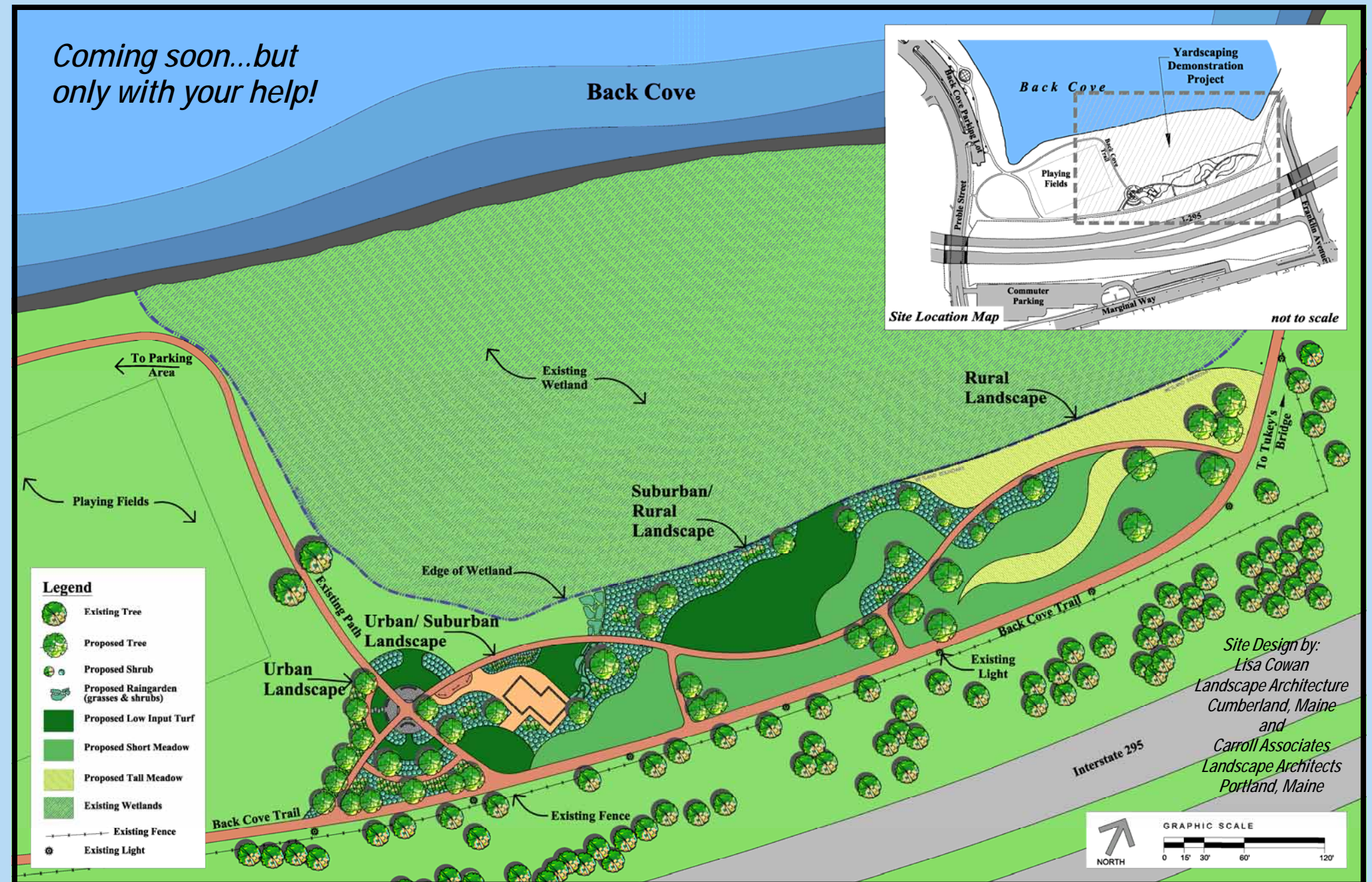


Join these YardScaping Partners!

- ◆ Allen, Sterling & Lothrop
- ◆ Bar Mills Ecological
- ◆ Carroll Associates, Landscape Architects
- ◆ City of Portland
- ◆ Congress of Lake Associations
- ◆ Edwards & Kelcey
- ◆ Friends of Casco Bay
- ◆ Friends of Scarborough Marsh
- ◆ Kennebunkport Conservation Commission
- ◆ LakeSmart Program
- ◆ Lisa Cowan, Landscape Architecture
- ◆ Maine Board of Pesticides Control
- ◆ Maine Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- ◆ Maine Landscape & Nursery Association
- ◆ Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association
- ◆ Maine Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- ◆ Maine State Planning Office
- ◆ Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program
- ◆ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ New England Organics
- ◆ O'Donal's Nurseries
- ◆ Skillin's Greenhouses
- ◆ Southern Maine Community College
- ◆ Think Blue Maine Program
- ◆ Town of Brunswick
- ◆ University of Maine Cooperative Extension



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- ☐ My donation to the Back Cove YardScaping project is enclosed (*make checks payable to Friends of Casco Bay—Back Cove*).
- ☐ I would like to become a YardScaping Partner.
- ☐ I would like to volunteer: ☐ labor ☐ supplies ☐ expertise

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

YardScaping Guiding Principles

- ◆ promote low-input lawns and landscapes
- ◆ common sense pest management (IPM)
- ◆ reduce reliance on pesticides, fertilizers, and water
- ◆ reduce runoff
- ◆ promote vegetative buffers
- ◆ right plant, right place, right use
- ◆ promote native and non-invasive alien plants
- ◆ promote YardScene diversity
- ◆ create wildlife habitats
- ◆ reduce lawn area